included Rs. 10 crore for Rural Water Supply, Rs. 8.60 crore for Emergency Feeding and Rs. 2.00 crore for Mobile Health Units.

The review of schemes in the KBK districts is a continuous process and is carried out along with the review of existing policies so that the region can be pulled out of the vortex of poverty and put on the path of economic development.

Recurring droughts and weak administration resulting in slow implementation of schemes, besides certain policies of the State Government are among the reasons for the continued affliction of these areas with abject poverty. Efforts are being made to mitigate the endemic poverty of this region through a four-pronged approach: (i) Drought—proofing through watershed development, afforestation and extension of irrigation facilities; (ii) Emergency feeding and provision of health facilities through mobile health units; (iii) A more responsive administration, and (iv) A change in some of the policies of the State Government related to non-timber forest produce (NTFP), land acquisition, restoration of alienated land and autonomy to village panchayats in financial matters.

**Centrally sponsored schemes for agricultural production**

*174. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally sponsored schemes formulated and implemented in the State of Assam during the year 2000-2001 for increasing the agricultural production; and

(b) the details of target set for the said purpose during this period?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The list of Centrally sponsored schemes being implemented in Assam to increase the production and productivity of crops during the year 2000-2001 is given in the Statement (*See* below). No new Centrally sponsored scheme has been added to the list during the year 2000-2001.

(b) The details of targets set under various production oriented programmes are given below:—

| S.No. | Name of the Crop | Target for 2000-01 |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rice | 34.50 lakh tonnes |
| 2. | Wheat | 1.25 lakh tonnes |
| 3. | Sugarcane | 14.00 lakh Tonnes |
| 4. | Jute and Mesta | 7.25 lakh bales of 180 kg each |
| 5. | Oilseeds | 1.93 lakh tonnes |
| 6. | Pulses | 0.05 lakh tonnes |
| 7. | Maize | 0.14 lakh tonnes |

**Statement**

*The list of Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in Assam by Deptt. of Agriculture and Cooperation during* 2000-2001

| S.No. | Name of the Scheme |
|---|---|
| 1. | Integrated Cereal Development Programme for Rice Based Cropping System Area (ICDP-RICE). |
| 2. | Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System |
| 3. | Special Jute Development Programmes. |
| 4. | Oilseed Production Programme. |
| 5. | National Pulses Development Project. |
| 6. | Oil Palm Development Programme. |
| 7. | Accelerated Maize Development Programme. |
| 8. | National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas. |
| 9. | Balanced and Integrated use of Fertilisers. |
| 10. | Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation among small farmers. |
| 11. | Soil Conservation in Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone Areas. |
| 12. | State Land Use Boards. |
| 13. | Special Scheme for SC/STs. |
| 14. | Agriculture Credit Stabilisation Fund. |
| 15. | Non-overdue Cover Scheme. |

| S.No. | Name of the Scheme |
|---|---|
| 16. | 'Use of Plastic in Agriculture. |
| 17. | Integrated Development of Spices. |
| 18. | Integrated Development of Cashew. |
| 19. | Timely Reporting Scheme. |
| 20. | Improvement of Crop Statistics. |
| 21. | Development of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants. |
| 22. | Development of Commercial Floriculture. |
| 23. | Development of Mushroom. |
| 24. | Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid Temperate Zone Fruits. |
| 25. | Development of vegetables including root and tuber crops. |
| 26. | Scheme for foundation and certified seed production of vegetable crops. |

**Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies**

†*175. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any action plan to strengthen the Primary Agriculture Co-operative Act and business promotion schemes and to provide more opportunities for participation by poor and women of villages through voluntary assistance groups and to deal with the challenges faced by co-operative movement; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) "Cooperative Societies is a State Subject under Entry 32 of the State List of the Constitution. The respective States have enacted their own Cooperative Societies Acts. However, there is no such Act as Primary Agriculture Co-operative Act. The Cooperative Societies with objects extending to more than one State and serving the interests of members in more than one State come under the purview of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984. It has decided to replace the existing Multi-State Cooperatives Societies Act, 1984 in order to ensure democratic management

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.



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